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SVALBARD

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1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES U.S. SHOULD FORMALLY REGISTER
OUR RESERVATION ON FISHERIES ZONE AROUND SVALBARD
AND MAKE OUR VIEWS MATTER, OF OFFICIAL RECORD
THOUGH NORWEGIANS WELL AWARE OF OUR POSITION. WE
CONCUR IN EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION (REF A) THAT MOST
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APPROPRIATE TIME WOULD BE FOLLOWING FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT

BY GON OF FISHERIES PRESERVATION ZONE (FPZ).

2. ACCORDINGLY, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT
NOTE PARA 3 TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AFTER GON ANNOUNCES
FPZ. PRECISE TIMING AND LEVEL OF APPROACH LEFT TO YOUR
DISCRETION.

3. BEGIN TEXT: (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND REFERS TO ITS
NOTE OF NOVEMBER 21, 1974, REGARDING UNITED STATES RIGHTS
UNDER THE 1920 SPITZBERGEN TREATY AND TO ITS AIDE MEMOIRE

OF MAY 7, 1976. THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS THAT NORWAY
HAS IMPLEMENTED A PLAN ESTABLISHING A 200-MILE FISHERIES
PRESERVATION ZONE AROUND SVALBARD AND PROMULGATING
REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO NET SIZES IN ORDER TO
ACHIEVE CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES.

ALTHOUGH THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS WELL AWARE OF OUR
VIEWS THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY
MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING ITS POSITION, WISHES TO REAFFIRM
THAT IT FULLY RESERVES ALL RIGHTS WHICH IT MAY HAVE
UNDER THE TREATY INCLUDING ANY RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO
EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES OF THE
CONTINENTAL SHELF APPERTAINING TO SVALBARD AND ANY RIGHTS
WITH RESPECT TO RESOURCES IN THE SUPERJACENT WATERS OF
THE CONTINENTAL SHELF (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE). END TEXT.

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